

SENATE BILL 2531

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101; Section 57-4-102; Section 57-4-201 and Section 57-4-203, to authorize alcoholic beverages to be sold in a facility owned or operated by a sports authority.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-101, is amended by adding the following new subsection to be appropriately designated:

() It is lawful to sell wine and other alcoholic beverages as defined in Section 57-4-102, and beer as defined in Section 57-6-102, to be consumed on the premises of any sports authority facility as hereinafter defined to those in attendance at such sports authority facility, subject to the further provisions of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102, is amended by adding the following definition:

() "Sports Authority Facility" means a facility possessing the following characteristics:

(A) The facility is owned or operated by a sports authority established under Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 67;

(B) The facility is designed and used for presentation of professional sporting events and other activities, such as amateur sporting events, recreational activities and entertainment events and activities, and includes retail

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sales areas and retail food dispensing outlets, including but not limited to restaurant areas to accommodate liquor by the drink as well as food patronage;

(C) A major league professional baseball (American or National League), football (National Football League), basketball (National Basketball Association) or hockey (National Hockey League) franchise has entered into a long-term agreement to play its home games in the facility; and

(D) The facility is located in a municipality or county having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-102(19), is amended by designating the existing language of subsection (C) as subdivision (i) and adding the following new subdivision (ii):

(ii) Within a sports authority facility as defined in Section 57-4-102, restaurant licensees shall not be required to meet any of the requirements of subdivision (19)(A) which make food service, maintenance of a kitchen, or a dining room a prerequisite for the issuance of a permit to serve liquor by the drink.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201(b)(1), is amended by adding the language "or of a sports authority facility as defined in Section 57-4-102," between the language "as defined in Section 57-4-102," and the word "shall" in the third sentence.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-201, is further amended by deleting the word "or" between the words "club," and "commercial" and by adding the words "or sports authority facility" after the words "commercial passenger boat company" in subdivisions (d)(2) and (d)(6).

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-4-203(d)(1), is amended by inserting the words "sports authority facilities," before the words "and urban park centers" and after the words "historic interpretive centers,".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.